

INITIAL POLREP

I. HEADING

DATE: 10/12/89
FROM: H. Hays Griswold, OSC
TO: Director, ERD
SUBJECT: Austin Bluffs Drums, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
POLREP: Initial Polrep

II. BACKGROUND

SITE No.: H3 Case No.: C89388
D.O. No.: 7334-08-039
Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Start Date: August 23, 1988
Approval Status: Signed Action Memorandum
Status of Action Memorandum: Signed 07/28/89

III. INCIDENT INFORMATION

A. Type of Incident

The incident involved the midnight dumping of 16 drums most of which contained a black viscous liquid believed to be paint waste and painting equipment cleaning wastes - probably from a car-body-shop operation.

B. Preliminary Assessment Results

Hazcatting determined the contents of the drums were all one waste stream based primarily on their common ignitability characteristic. The waste stream was not EP Toxic. The TOX was only about 400 mg/l.

Based on the above analytical findings the threat to the public was determined to be potential fire or explosion.

C. Situation

The drums were dumped May 6, 1989, in a bushy area next to a dirt road which is adjacent to and leads from Austin Bluffs Parkway.

The area is suburban residential with open fields interspersed. The nearest house is within 100 yards. Children use the area a great deal for dirt bike riding. Nearby residents observed the dumping in progress and reported it to the Colorado Springs Fire Dept.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Status of Actions

When dumped the drums were hurriedly pushed out of a truck to fall as they may. Five started leaking. The Colorado Springs Fire Department responded to the citizen report and overpacked the leaking drums and cleaned up contaminated soils.

The Fire Dept., through the El Paso County Health Dept., contacted EPA and requested cleanup/disposal assistance.

Local police and health officials are conducting a criminal investigation of the dumping with some assistance from NEIC.

On May 24th the OSC and TAT conducted site assessment, hazcatting, waste stream identification, and sampled the waste streams for analysis and disposal profiles.

On August 23rd the OSC and ERCS consolidated the liquids and prepared them for transport and disposal.

The disposal facility requested a sample be submitted for their own analysis prior to acceptance for disposal. The sample was submitted on September 5th.

B. Next Steps

The next step is the transport and final disposal of the waste.

C. Key Issues

There are currently no key issues concerning this site.

V. COST INFORMATION

	Amount Budgeted	Cost To Date	Amount Remaining
ERCS	15,900.00	3,652.16	12,247.84
TAT	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
EPA Direct	1,500.00	2,340.00	0.00
EPA Indirect	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	22,400.00	5,992.16	17,247.84

POLREP FILE GENERATION

(To be submitted by OSC along with first POLREP)

OSC: Hays Griswold

POLREP # 1

Austin Bluffs Drums

Site Name

Unknown Flammable

Pollutant, magnitude (if app). waterway affected (if app)

Colo. Spgs, El Paso, Colo.

City, county, State

H3

SSID #

C89388

Case #

COPIES TO BE SENT TO:

1. Branch Chief/Section Chief
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3. ERD - Headquarters Attn: Tim Fields
(Generator E-Mails to Susan Janowiak)
4. Regional Response Team Mailing List
5. Office of External Affairs (80EA) Attn: Nola Cooke
6. Office of Regional Counsel (8RC)
Attn: Metcalf/Attorney Beth Mullen
7. On-Scene Coordinator

OTHERS:

8. State Program Director/Manager _____
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SITE NAME

Austin Bluffs Drums

OSC

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OSC block = g1

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